

# Delaware State Police Memorial Day Message



**Dover-** The Delaware State Police would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Memorial Day Weekend, and as we kick-off the unofficial start of summer, lets not forget that this weekend and more specifically Monday, Memorial Day is a time to memorialize those members of our armed forces that made the ultimate sacrifice while preserving the freedom of our great nation. We also want to take time to thank those veterans who will be celebrating with us, as well as those brave men and women currently serving as members of our military.

The Delaware State Police will be out in full force patrolling the roadways this weekend to ensure that everyone is driving with due care and offering assistance to motorists in need. Troopers intend to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injury crashes on our highways during this "official" start of the summer season, and will be focusing on distracted driving, motorists not wearing seat belts, unrestrained children in vehicles, and any aggressive driving behaviors such as speeding, following too close, and especially, driving under the influence.

By following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy a safe holiday weekend travel without jeopardizing their life or the lives of others who may be on the road:

- Ensure all occupants are properly restrained
- Plan a safe way home **before** the festivities begin
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely
- If you see a drunk or aggressive driver on the road, immediately contact 911 as soon as safely possible.
- If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

***If you plan on proudly displaying the flag of our great nation on Memorial Day please follow the below protocol, courtesy of U.S. Flag.org***

***<http://www.usflag.org/flagetiquette.html>***

***On Memorial Day the flag is displayed at half staff until noon and at full staff from noon until sunset. To place the flag at half staff, hoist it to the peak for an instant and lower it to a position half way between the top and bottom of the staff. The flag is to be raised again to the peak for a moment before it is lowered.***

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